

RELIEF FOR ARTS & HUMANITIES

Overview

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) is a broad package that includes assistance for the arts, for the humanities, museums, libraries, and public broadcasting.

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)

The CARES Act includes \$75 million emergency funds for the National Endowment for the Arts. Funds are available under the same terms and conditions as funds appropriated in fiscal year (FY) 2020. Forty percent of funds will be distributed to state arts agencies and regional arts organizations. Sixty percent of funds are for direct grants. The matching requirement for these grants may be waived. Funds will be available until September 30, 2021.

Hawaii is estimated to receive **\$428,000**. These funds may be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus by providing grants and support to arts organizations, museums, and other organizations during the coronavirus crisis.

More than 3,700 organizations that have received NEA grant awards in the past four years are eligible to apply for a direct grant. Funds can be used for staff salary support, fees for artists or contractual personnel, and facilities costs. The direct grants will not require a cost share or match and will be for a fixed amount of \$50,000. Designated local arts agencies eligible to subgrant may request \$100,000 or \$250,000 for subgranting programs. The deadline to apply is April 22, 2020 with the earliest announcement of grant award or rejection by June 30, 2020.

Information about the direct grants can be found on the agency's website here:

<https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/CARES/grant-program-description>.

Information on how to apply for NEA grants can be found on the agency's website here:

<https://www.arts.gov/grants>

Additional resources for artists and art organizations can be found on NEA's website here:

<https://www.arts.gov/covid-19-resources-for-artists-and-arts-organizations>

National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH)

The CARES Act includes \$75,000,000 emergency funds for the National Endowment of the Humanities. Funds are available under the same terms and conditions as funds appropriated in FY 2020. Forty percent of the funds will be distributed to the state humanities council. Sixty percent of the funds will be used for direct grants. The matching requirements for these grants may be waived. Funds will be available until September 30, 2021.

Hawaii is estimated to receive **\$468,600**. These funds may be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus by providing grants and support to humanities organizations, libraries, and other organizations during the coronavirus crisis.

NEH also created a new funding opportunity, “NEH CARES: Cultural Organizations,” to provide grants of up to \$300,000 to sustain humanities organizations and preserve jobs in the cultural sector. Additional information can be found on the agency’s website here:

<https://www.neh.gov/program/neh-cares-cultural-organizations>.

Frequently asked questions regarding supplemental CARES Act funding can be found on the agency’s website here: https://www.neh.gov/COVID19_FAQs.

Information on how to apply for NEH grants can be found on the agency’s website here:

<https://www.neh.gov/grants>

Additional information for NEH grantees can be found on the agency’s website:

<https://www.neh.gov/news/information-neh-and-covid-19>

Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

The CARES Act includes \$50 million for the Institute of Museum and Library Services to provide grants to museums and libraries. These funds may be used to expand digital network access in areas of the country where such access is lacking, including the purchase of internet-enabled devices and provisions for technical support services in response to the disruption of schooling and other community services during the COVID-19 emergency.

IMLS will award the first \$30 million of the \$50 million through the State Library Administrative Agencies program. Hawaii will receive **\$127,936** to be used to expand digital network access, purchase internet accessible devices, and provide technical support services to citizens to address digital inclusion efforts and related technical support.

These funds are in addition new flexibilities announced for IMLS’s current open awards. The flexibilities can be found on the agency’s website here: <https://www.imls.gov/news/imls-authorizes-new-grant-flexibilities-libraries-museums>.

Information on how to apply for IMLS grants can be found on the agency’s website here:

<https://www.imls.gov/grants>.

Additional resources for museums and libraries can be found on IMLS’s website here:

<https://www.imls.gov/covid-19-resources-libraries-and-museums>

Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB)

The CARES Act includes \$75 million for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to provide grants to public television and radio. These funds may be used to make fiscal stabilization grants to public television and radio stations facing declines in non-Federal revenues. These funds will help maintain programming and preserve small and rural stations threatened by declines in non-Federal revenues.

Information on how to apply for CPB grants can be found on the agency’s website here:

<https://www.cpb.org/grants>